



*Making San Francisco Bay Better*

March 25, 2013

Father Tom Zaferes  
Ascension Cathedral  
4700 Lincoln Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94602

Dear Father Zaferes:

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, commonly known as BCDC, please transmit our sympathies to the family of the late State Senator Nicholas Petris.

Senator Petris co-authored the legislation that created BCDC. In the early 1960s, Assemblyman Petris worked with the founders of Save the Bay, even prior to the passage of the McAteer-Petris Act, to devise ways to protect the Bay. He teamed with the late Senator Eugene McAteer of San Francisco to guide the initial legislation through the State Legislature and gain the assent of Governor Pat Brown. We are fortunate to have a copy of the picture of then-Assemblyman Petris standing behind Governor Ronald Reagan as he signed the legislation that made BCDC a permanent state agency.

The Bay Area always will remember Senator Petris as a strong and visionary workhorse who represented its eastern shore for so long and with such distinction. Therefore, the Commissioners adjourned its meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013 in his memory and asked me to transmit that information to his family.

Thank you very much for your assistance during this sorrowful and memorable time.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. GOLDZBAND  
Executive Director